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Comments on System 8X.

1. The 8X memo is a succinct presentation of the system's history to date. As originally intended, the Navy stated that the system could be maintained by their people after an initial period of training, but as it turned out such is not the case. The system is not that complicated but it is different than anything the Navy has, and the Navy technicians being a stereotyped bunch, are unable to cope with it. As a result, a Tech Rep will be required on a continuing basis.
2. The cost estimates in the memo appear reasonable with the exception of the antenna work. It is hard to imagine Douglas manufacturing and installing an antenna on an A3D for \$10,000 in view of the fact that they originally wanted many times that much for the antenna job.
3. I believe the easiest way out would be to give the system to the Navy and let them assume full control and responsibility. The Agency has no use for the system and is now only the contracting agent and a money supplier for support of the system.

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